SO THIS IS THIRD HURDLE OF THIS CHALLENGE, "THE FOREST OF FOG!"
395th MATCH
天狗の正体
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?

IS... IT SOME KIND OF MONSTER?

WHOAA!! IT'S COMING THIS WAY!!
MY HEART IS BEATING LIKE CRAZY!

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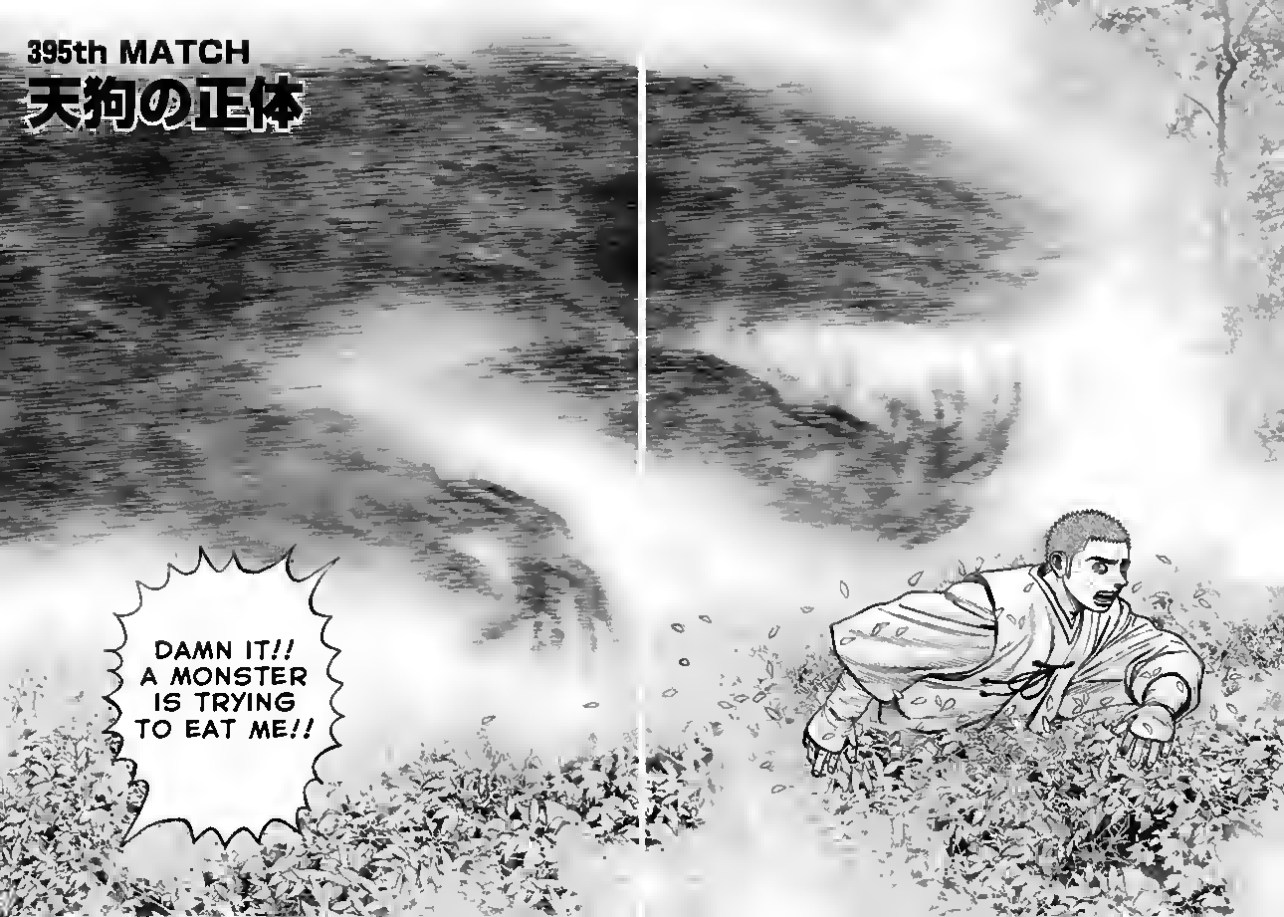


MY HEART... FOR SOME REASON IT'S GETTING HARDER TO BREATHE!

WHO IS THAT?
IT'S JUST A HALLUCINATION, SO TRY TO CALM DOWN!
WHEN A HUMAN INHALES CARBON DIOXIDE THAT'S AT A CONCENTRATION LEVEL OF 3 OR 4%. THEY TEND T O EXPERIENCE DIZZINESS AND PAIN. AND IF THE LEVELS REACH 7%, IT'S KNOWN TO ALTER BRAIN ACTIVITY.
THIS AREA IS FILLED WITH, A FAIRLY HIGH CONCENTRATION OF CARBON DIOXIDE.
THE REASON YOU'RE SEEING HALLUCINATIONS, IS BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN BREATHING TOO MUCH OF IT. AND YOU ALSO HAVE TO ADD IN YOUR FATIGUE AND STRESS.
IT'S THE LEADER GUY!

DO YOU THINK THAT KIICHI WILL MEET THAT TENGU?
I DON'T KNOW.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
SEEMS YOU DON'T WANNA THINK ABOUT IT.
SINCE YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO WIN THE FIGHT, IT WOULD MAKE SENSE THAT YOU KIND OF WANT KIICHI TO GIVE UP ON THE IDEA.
WELL, YOU FOUGHT KAKUGO AND THEN HE REFUSED TO FIGHT KIICHI, WHICH COULD LEAVE SOME KIND OF AFTERTASTE.
BUT THE ONLY THING THAT YOUR LOSS DID, WAS INSPIRE THAT KID, AND LIT HIS FIGHTING SPIRIT TO ABLAZE!

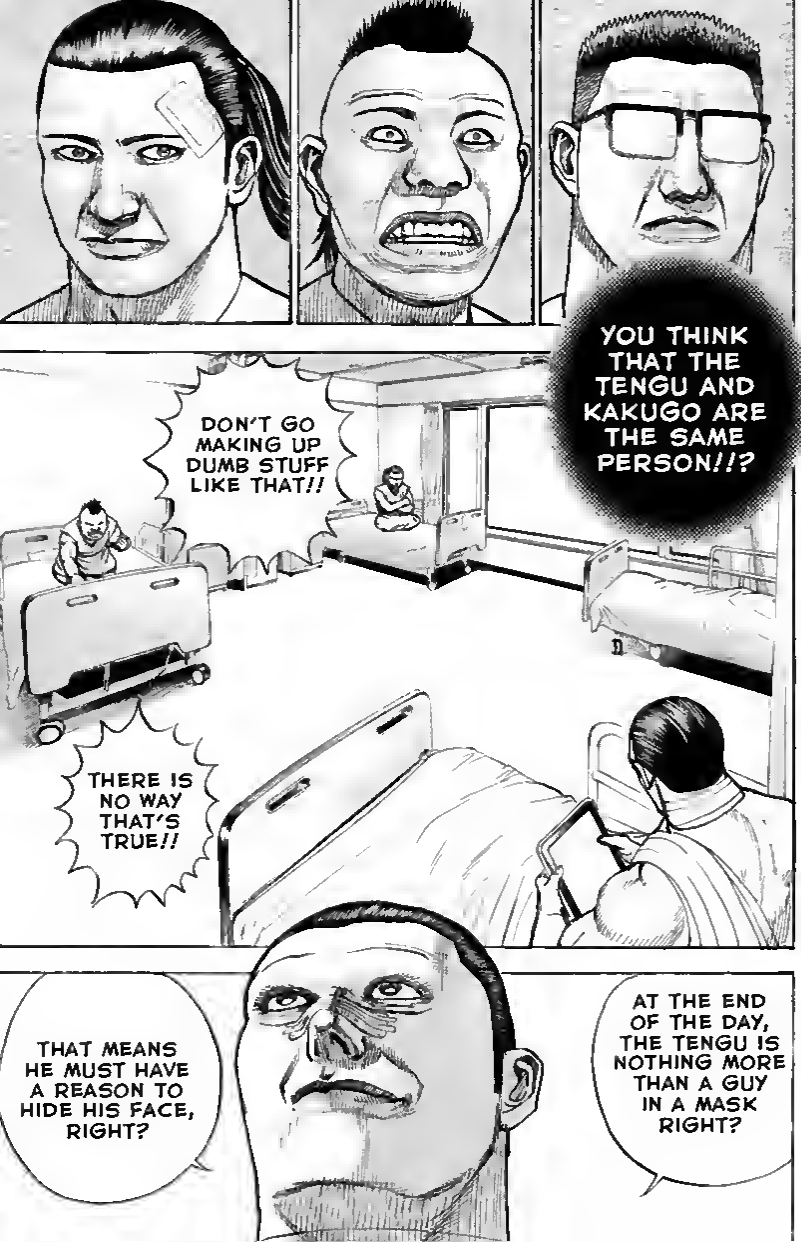
HE IS ABLE TO GO FULL THROTTLE FROM THE JUMP!
THE BEST THING IS THAT KIICHI DOESN'T CARE, THAT KAKUGO IS HIS REAL FATHER, NOT EVEN IN THE SLIGHTEST.
AND I AM CERTAIN THAT IF THEY WERE TO FIGHT, IT WOULD PUSH HIM TO THE NEXT LEVEL AS A FIGHTER!
HE IS WHAT YOU CAN CALL A TRUE MARTIAL ARTIST. HE IS ALWAYS CRAVING TO FIGHT SOMEONE STRONGER THAN HIM. AND THAT IS ALL THE MOTIVATION HE NEEDS.
AND KAKUGO SEEMS PRETTY NONCHALANT ABOUT THE WHOLE FATHER, SON THING AS WELL.

RUNNING AWAY, MAY BE THE BETTER WORDING!
BUT THE ONE THING THAT IS CERTAIN, IS THAT FOR NOW HE IS STILL AVOIDING THE FIGHT.

WHAT ARE THE CHANCES THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO MEET THAT TENGU?
EVEN IF HE GOES TO THAT DEMON ISLAND .....

PERHAPS THE BEST KIICHI CAN DO ON THAT ISLAND, IS CREATE SOME KIND OF DISTURBANCE.

AND THAT MIGHT ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF THE TENGU. WHOSE IDENTITY ISN'T THAT MUCH OF A MYSTERY TO ME.


YOU THINK THAT THE TENGU AND KAKUGO ARE THE SAME PERSON!!?
DON'T GO MAKING UP DUMB STUFF LIKE THAT!!
THERE IS NO WAY THAT'S TRUE!!
THAT MEANS HE MUST HAVE A REASON TO HIDE HIS FACE, RIGHT?
AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE TENGU IS NOTHING MORE THAN A GUY IN A MASK RIGHT?

THIS THING ISN'T A "REAL MONSTER."
THAT SETTLES IT!!
IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN A HALLUCINATION, CAUSED BY MY BRAIN.
I HAVE TO SLOW DOWN MY BRE..THING.

I HAVE TO FOCUS MY MIND, AND REMOVE THE FEAR FROM MY HEART!
I HAVE TO FULLY CONTROL MY INSPIRATORY AND EXPIRATORY BREATHING.

THIS IS THE NADASHIN-KAGERYU CHOUSOKUHOU BREATHING TECHNIQUE!!

BUT THE HEIR IS ONE HECK OF A GUY!
PHEW, I ALMOST THOUGHT THAT HE WOULDN'T MAKE IT OUT OF THIS FOREST.

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